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2000
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Interviews: 490 adults
Dates: November 27,

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

FINAL

Study #6204
NBC Post-certification
November 2000

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 490 interviews is $\pm 4.5\%$

1a. Are you registered to vote at this address?

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|-----------------|-------|
| Registered | 85 | CONTINUE | [137] |
| Not registered..... | 15 | SKIP TO | |
| Not sure..... | - | Q.1c | |

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED IN Q.1a.)

1b. Did you happen to vote in the November seventh election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote--Al Gore, the Democrat, George W. Bush, the Republican, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

| | <u>11/27/00</u> | | <u>11/13/00</u> | <u>11/8/00</u> | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|
| Voted--Al Gore..... | 44 | | 47 | 47 | [138] |
| Voted--George W. Bush..... | 46 | | 46 | 46 | |
| Voted--Ralph Nader..... | 3 | SKIP TO Q.2 | 3 | 2 | |
| Voted--Pat Buchanan..... | - | | - | - | |
| Voted--other (VOL)..... | 4 | | 1 | 1 | |
| Did NOT vote ¹ | NA | CONTINUE | NA | NA | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | SKIP TO Q.2 | 3 | 4 | |

¹ Results shown reflect responses among those who do NOT say they did not vote.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE NOT REGISTERED IN Q1a OR SAY THEY DID NOT VOTE IN Q.1b.)

1c. If you had voted, who would you have voted for--Al Gore, the Democrat, George W. Bush, the Republican, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

| | <u>11/27/00</u> | <u>11/13/00</u> | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Al Gore..... | 54 | 48 | [139] |
| George W. Bush..... | 36 | 39 | |
| Ralph Nader..... | 5 | 4 | |
| Pat Buchanan..... | - | 1 | |
| Other (VOL)..... | 2 | 3 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | 5 | |

2. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

| | Very Positive | Somewhat Positive | Neutral | Somewhat Negative | Very Negative | Don't Know Name/ Not Sure | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| George W. Bush | | | | | | | [140] |
| November 27, 2000..... | 31 | 19 | 11 | 19 | 20 | - | |
| Likely voters November 3-5, 2000+... | 30 | 23 | 13 | 13 | 20 | 1 | |
| Likely voters October 2000+..... | 28 | 25 | 15 | 13 | 18 | 1 | |
| September 2000+..... | 23 | 26 | 15 | 15 | 19 | 2 | |
| August 2000+..... | 28 | 23 | 17 | 14 | 17 | 1 | |
| July 2000+..... | 24 | 28 | 14 | 14 | 18 | 2 | |
| June 2000+..... | 16 | 29 | 23 | 15 | 15 | 2 | |
| April 2000+..... | 17 | 29 | 22 | 13 | 16 | 3 | |
| March 2000+..... | 19 | 26 | 21 | 15 | 17 | 2 | |
| January 2000..... | 22 | 30 | 22 | 13 | 9 | 4 | |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | |
| High | | | | | | | |
| April 1999..... | 23 | 32 | 25 | 8 | 6 | 6 | |
| Low | | | | | | | |
| March 2000+..... | 19 | 26 | 21 | 15 | 17 | 2 | |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | |
| Al Gore | | | | | | | [141] |
| November 27, 2000..... | 31 | 16 | 10 | 17 | 26 | - | |
| Likely voters November 3-5, 2000+... | 25 | 22 | 15 | 17 | 20 | 1 | |
| Likely voters October 2000+..... | 24 | 25 | 11 | 15 | 25 | - | |
| September 2000+..... | 26 | 26 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 1 | |
| August 2000+..... | 22 | 22 | 19 | 15 | 21 | 1 | |
| July 2000+..... | 17 | 26 | 18 | 15 | 23 | 1 | |
| June 2000+..... | 12 | 25 | 24 | 17 | 21 | 1 | |
| April 2000+..... | 15 | 26 | 20 | 16 | 21 | 2 | |
| March 2000+..... | 17 | 27 | 20 | 16 | 18 | 2 | |
| January 2000..... | 16 | 29 | 21 | 16 | 16 | 2 | |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | |
| High | | | | | | | |
| January 1993..... | 23 | 32 | 22 | 9 | 6 | 8 | |
| Low | | | | | | | |
| June 2000+..... | 12 | 25 | 24 | 17 | 21 | 1 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 3a. Do you think that George W. Bush has or has not won the presidency?

| | | |
|--|----|--------------|
| George W. Bush has won the presidency..... | 61 | [142] |
| George W. Bush has not won the presidency..... | 28 | |
| Not sure..... | 11 | |

- 3b. Who do you think should be declared the winner of the presidential election in Florida--do you think George W. Bush should be declared the winner, do you think Al Gore should be declared the winner, or do you think it is too soon to say?

| | <u>11/27/00</u> | <u>11/13/00</u> | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| George W. Bush..... | 50 | 36 | [143] |
| Al Gore..... | 16 | 19 | |
| It is too soon to say..... | 31 | 39 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | 6 | |

4. Do you think that George W. Bush was right to claim victory and set up a transition operation, or do you think that he should have waited until the legal challenges in the courts had been decided?

| | | |
|--|----|--------------|
| George W. Bush was right to claim victory..... | 44 | [144] |
| George W. Bush should have waited..... | 51 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | |

5. Which of these two statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: Now that the vote in Florida has been certified, Al Gore should concede and stop all court actions.

Statement B: Al Gore should not concede yet and should continue to await the results from the cases filed in the courts.

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Statement A--Al Gore should concede..... | 49 | [145] |
| Statement B--Al Gore should not concede yet.... | 49 | |
| Not sure..... | 2 | |

- 6a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way **(READ ITEM)** have been handling the situation with the vote count in the presidential election?

| | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>Mixed Feelings (VOL)</u> | <u>Not Sure</u> | |
|--|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Al Gore and his campaign | | | | | [146] |
| November 27, 2000..... | 42 | 47 | 9 | 2 | |
| November 13, 2000..... | 47 | 38 | 10 | 5 | |
| George W. Bush and his campaign | | | | | [147] |
| November 27, 2000..... | 46 | 41 | 10 | 3 | |
| November 13, 2000..... | 47 | 36 | 12 | 5 | |

- 6b. Do you think that the Florida secretary of state's decision to certify George W. Bush as the winner in Florida was based on a fair and unbiased process, or do you think that it was based on an unfair and biased process?

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|--------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Based on fair, unbiased process..... | 49 | [148] |
| Based on unfair, biased process..... | 44 | |
| Some of both (VOL)..... | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

7. How would you feel if **(READ ITEM)** were declared the winner of the presidential election--would you say that you feel comfortable with him and prepared to support him as our new president, or not?

| | Comfortable And Prepared To Support | Not Comfortable And Prepared To Support | Not Sure | |
|------------------------|---|--|-------------|--------------|
| Al Gore | | | | [158] |
| November 27, 2000..... | 62 | 34 | 4 | |
| November 13, 2000..... | 66 | 31 | 3 | |
| George W. Bush | | | | [159] |
| November 27, 2000..... | 65 | 31 | 4 | |
| November 13, 2000..... | 69 | 28 | 3 | |

8. Regardless of who wins the presidential election and with the results being so close, please tell me which one of these two statements comes closer to your point of view:

Statement A: The country will be able to unite behind the winner, who will go on to accomplish a lot in the next four years.

Statement B: The country will remain divided, and it will be hard for the winner to accomplish a lot over the next four years.

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|---|----|--------------|
| Statement A--The country will be able to unite..... | 38 | [151] |
| Statement B--The country will remain divided..... | 54 | |
| Not sure..... | 8 | |

9. The United States Supreme Court is hearing arguments this Friday on issues related to the Florida recount. As you may know, Supreme Court justices are appointed by the president. Are you confident that the Supreme Court can make a fair and nonpartisan decision, or not?

| | | |
|--|----|--------------|
| Confident that can make fair, nonpartisan decision..... | 73 | [152] |
| NOT confident that can make fair, nonpartisan decision..... | 19 | |
| Not sure..... | 8 | |

10. Last week, vice-presidential candidate Dick Cheney had a mild heart attack. Does knowing this make you worry about Dick Cheney's ability to serve as vice president, or does it not give you cause for concern?

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Worry about ability to serve as vice president... | 31 | [153] |
| Does not give cause for concern..... | 67 | |
| Depends (VOL)..... | 2 | |
| Not sure..... | - | |

(ASKED ONLY OF 171 RESPONDENTS AFTER 9 PM)

11. Did you see or hear Al Gore make a statement this evening?

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Yes, saw/heard Al Gore make a statement..... | 34 | [154] |
| No, did not see/hear Al Gore make a statement | 65 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | |

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

| | | |
|------------------|----|------------------|
| 18-24..... | 11 | [155-156] |
| 25-29..... | 8 | |
| 30-34..... | 9 | |
| 35-39..... | 12 | |
| 40-44..... | 11 | |
| 45-49..... | 9 | |
| 50-54..... | 9 | |
| 55-59..... | 7 | |
| 60-64..... | 6 | |
| 65-69..... | 6 | |
| 70-74..... | 4 | |
| 75 and over..... | 7 | |
| Refused..... | 1 | |

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

| | | |
|--|----|------------------|
| Grade school..... | 1 | [157-158] |
| Some high school..... | 6 | |
| High school graduate..... | 31 | |
| Some college, no degree..... | 19 | |
| Vocational training/2-year college..... | 8 | |
| 4-year college/bachelor's degree..... | 24 | |
| Some postgraduate work, no degree..... | 2 | |
| 2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree..... | 6 | |
| Doctoral/law degree..... | 2 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 1 | |

F3. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")** **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

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|----------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Strong Democrat..... | 20 | [159] |
| Not very strong Democrat..... | 10 | |
| Independent/lean Democrat..... | 10 | |
| Strictly independent..... | 19 | |
| Independent/lean Republican..... | 10 | |
| Not very strong Republican..... | 8 | |
| Strong Republican..... | 16 | |
| Other..... | 4 | |
| Not sure/nothing..... | 3 | |

F4. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|--------------|
| Hispanic..... | 8 | [160] |
| White..... | 76 | |
| Black..... | 10 | |
| Asian..... | 1 | |
| Other..... | 3 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 2 | |